

EDINBURGH,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7. 1786.

THEATRE ROYAL

Will be Opened, SATURDAY the 14th instant, with a
PLAY AND FARCE,
Of which due notice will be given.
The Box-Book will be opened, Wednesday 11th.

DUTCH BUTTER.

JAMES MACINTYRE, New Quay, Leith, has on hand
a Quantity of **DUTCH BUTTER**, in Whole or Half
Pounds, at ten pence halfpenny per lb. Dutch weight.
It is of an excellent quality, and arrived by the last vessel
from Rotterdam.
A few **DUTCH CHEESES** for Sale.

HEMP.

TO BE SOLD by public auction, at the Warehouse of Messrs.
Ramsay, Williamson, and Co. Leith, for account of the
shippers, on Friday the 13th current, at one o'clock af-
ternoon.

A considerable Quantity of **ST. PETERSBURGH CLEAN
HEMP**, of an excellent quality, and will be put up in lots
as purchasers may incline.

SPIRITS AND WINES, &c.

JOHN STURROCK, Tea and Spirit Dealer, at the head
of Canongate, Edinburgh, most respectfully informs
his Customers and the Public, that he has on hand a large
stock of Foreign Spirits and Wines, of excellent quality,
which he is selling wholesale and retail at the following low
prices.

PER GALLON.	PER BOTTLE.
Best Rum, 8 s. 0 d.	Best old Port Wine, 1 s. 6 d.
Single ditto, 6 s. 0 d.	Ditto Sherry ditto, 1 s. 6 d.
Best French Brandy, 10 s. 0 d.	Lisbon ditto, 1 s. 6 d.
Good ditto, 8 s. 0 d.	English Carcavilla, 1 s. 0 d.
Single ditto, 6 s. 0 d.	and Malaga, 1 s. 0 d.
Good Dutch Geneva, 6 s. 0 d.	
Proof Whisky, 4 s. 0 d.	

He has also on hand a large stock of excellent Congou,
Souchong, and Hyson Teas, which he is selling as low as
any in the trade.
Good Lump Sugar furnished to Tea Customers at 7 d.
per lb.

SALE OF BOOKS.

To be Sold by Auction, at Mr HAY'S Vendue, on the
south side of the High Street, Edinburgh,
A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF BOOKS, being the
Library of a Gentleman lately deceased.

The sale to begin on Monday the 9th of January 1786,
at six o'clock in the afternoon, and to continue in the af-
ternoon of each lawful day thereafter, till the 20th of that
month.

As the books are all positively to be sold off, they will
be put up at the pleasure of the company.
Catalogues to be had at the place of sale, and at the book-
sellers shops.

WINTER STOCKINGS.

JAMES CHARLES, at his shop, next door to the Post
Office, Bridge-street, Edinburgh, respectfully informs the
public, that he has just got to hand a complete assortment of
Hosiery, calculated for the Winter, consisting of
Patent Worsted, Worsted,
Wove and knitted Worsted, Spun Silk, all kinds,
Lamb Wool, all colours, Figured Cotton, a large as-
sortment of
Silk & Cotton and Silk & Cotton, at all Prices.

A large and fashionable assortment of Ladies and Gentlemen's
SILK HOSE at all prices, which the advertiser flatters
himself will be found, upon comparison, to be fully as cheap
as at any shop in the trade, as well as every other article con-
nected with the hosiery business; at which shop the public may
always depend upon seeing a general and neat assortment.
Gentlemen's Gloves and Ladies Habits, of the English make.
Silk Handkerchiefs,
Cotton and Linen Pocket ditto, } all sorts.

OYSTER CELLAR TO LET.

TO BE LET and entered to immediately, That **HOUSE**
at the foot of Niddery's Wynd, immediately below
the Concert-Hall, having a separate entry from the Cowgate,
and which for many years has been possessed as an Oyster-
Cellar and Tavern, late in the occupation of James Smith.

The premises may be seen at any time by calling on **Robert
Millar**, barber, the door above; and the rent and other
particulars will be known by applying to **John Logan**, writer,
at Mr Sym's, writer to the signet, Society.

HOUSE IN PARLIAMENT CLOSE.

TO BE SOLD.

THE SOUTH HALF of the Third Storey above the
Shops of the Great TENEMENT on the east side of
the Parliament Close, commonly called the President's Stairs,
belonging to, and presently possessed by the heirs of the de-
ceased Mr William Henry writer in Edinburgh, consisting of
a kitchen and five fire-rooms, with closets and other conveni-
encies; and a cellar in the ground of said tenement.

The house may be seen Wednesdays and Saturdays, be-
tween twelve and two o'clock.

The progress of writings, and articles of roup, are to be
seen in the hands of George Cummin writer to the signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

And Upper Price further Reduced.

TO BE SOLD within the Parliament or New Session-
house of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 27th of January
current, between the hours of four and five in the after-
noon, under the authority of the Court of Session,

TWO HERITABLE DEBTS over the
lands of Nether Cummer, lying in the parish of Leffmaha-
goe, and thire of Lanark, which are constituted by two heri-
table Bonds, granted by the deceased Edward Maxwell of
Strathguthrie, to the late James Whyte of Stockbriggs, the
one dated the 7th February 1753, and the other dated the
9th August 1784, with infestments following on the bonds.

The principal sums of both debts extend
to L. 590 0 0
And the interest due thereon, after de-
ducting partial payments, amounted at Can-
dinas 1785, to 436 12 5

At which sum these two debts were exposed
to sale, and were afterwards set up at the re-
duced sums of 900 l. and 750 l.
But now to be exposed at the further re-
duced price of L. 600 0 0

The articles of roup and grounds of debt, are to be seen
in the office of George Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of Session;
and further information may be got, by applying to **James
Walker**, writer to the signet.

ENGLISH READING.

MR SCOTT proposes to give **EIGHT PUBLIC READ-
INGS** of ENGLISH, in the Society Hall (La-
mond's) Carrubber's Close.

The first reading to be on Saturday Jan. 21st, precisely at
one o'clock afternoon; and on each Saturday after, at the
same hour, till the course be finished.

Subscribers tickets to the whole Course, Half-a-Guinea,—
a single Reading, Half-a-Crown.

Each Reading will conclude at two o'clock.
Subscription Papers and Tickets are in the Shops of Messrs.
Donaldson and Elliot, bookellers, and Mr Sibbald's circula-
ting Library.

CHINA ORANGES, &c.

JUST now arrived from FARRO, a cargo of high co-
loured **CHINA ORANGES** and **LEMONS**:
To be **SOLD** by **JOHN THOMSON** and Company, Leith.

Who have also for Sale,
MALAGA FIGGS, in sacks and frails.
SUCCUS LIQUORICE, in boxes.
MUSCATEL RAISINS, in boxes, and **SUN** ditto in
casks.
FRENCH APPLES, **PRUNES**, **WALNUTS**, and
CHESNUTS.

The whole of the purchase Money returned, if
drawn only a Prize of 20 l.

ALL the PRIZES, namely, the first drawn Ticket on
the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, or the 16th day, or
the last drawn Ticket on the last day, are entitled to 1000
each, according to the scheme of the present **ENGLISH
STATE LOTTERY**, which will begin drawing on the 6th
of February 1786, are included in the following plan, whe-
ther a 20 l. or a 20,000 l. and continue for the whole time
of the drawing, and will be paid on demand, without any dis-
count or deduction.

FRIENDLY BENEFICIAL SOCIETY, BY HORNSBY AND COMPANY.

Who respectfully submit the following mode of subscrib-
ing to the present State Lottery.—The encouragement they have
met with from a generous Public on every occasion, embold-
ens them to hope, that the present plan will meet with uni-
versal approbation, as it affords the greatest advantages that
can possibly be given.

For ONE GUINEA only.	For HALF-A-GUINEA.
If a L. 20,000 to 16000	If a L. 20,000 to 8000
10,000 to 8000	10,000 to 4000
5000 to 4000	5000 to 2000
2000 to 1600	2000 to 800
1000 to 800	1000 to 400
500 to 400	500 to 200
100 to 100	100 to 50
50 to 50	50 to 25
20 to 1 Guinea	20 to 10 Half-Gu.

Being the whole of the purchase Money.

For **SIX SHILLINGS** (only) half the benefits will be paid
as soon as drawn, agreeable to the Half-Guinea plan, and if
only one shilling, the six shillings retained.

Capital Prizes sold by **HORNSBY AND COMPANY**, viz.
two of 20,000 l. four of 10,000 l. six of 5000 l. eight of
2000 l. fifteen of 1000 l. forty of 500 l. besides the 10,000 l.
in Cox's Museum Lottery, which prizes have been paid in
full immediately.

N. B. Letters post paid duly answered.
Subscribers to this Society may have an account of their
numbers sent to any part of the town or country, free of
expense.

HORNSBY AND COMPANY request their numerous
Subscribers to the last Irish State Lottery, to return their
certificates, and that a new one for the ensuing English
State Lottery will be given gratis.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE of the ESTATE of REDCASTLE.
TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the New Exchange
Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Monday, the 26th of
June next, at six o'clock afternoon.

The Lands and Barony of REDCASTLE, lying in the
parishes of Kilmarnock and Kilmuir Weller, and county of Rox-
burgh, the lands hold of the Crown, and are valued in the Cess-
books of the county at 1491 l. At a moderate conversion of
the value, they yield yearly rent about 1300 l. Sterling; and
being very extensive, and fill in their natural state; they
are capable of great improvement.—Their situation is uncom-
monly agreeable. They lie along the navigable Frith of
Beaulie, which bounds them on the south for the space of
about five miles. They are distant from the borough of Inver-
ness only about two miles. The soil is of an exceeding good
quality, dry and healthy; and owing to the fourth exposure, the
crops are more early than in the most southerly parts of Scot-
land. The mansion-house is fit to accommodate a large fami-
ly. The gardens are extensive, and yield fruit of all kinds
in great plenty early, and of the best quality.—There is a
considerable salmon fishery upon the estate, and white fish and
shell fish of all kinds. The low country game upon it is plenty,
and all sorts of Highland game within a few miles of it.
There is some natural wood, and the plantations upon the
estate are extensive, and in thriving condition.

Lieutenant John Mackenzie at Inverness will show the
lands, and the rental, title-deeds, and articles of roup, are to
be seen in the hands of John Tait, writer to the signet, Shake-
spere's square, Edinburgh; and to whom any person may ap-
ply, who wishes to purchase by private bargain.

A SHIP FOR SALE AT DUNDEE.

To be Sold by Private Bargain,
THE SHIP CATHARINE,
Measuring about 166 tons, copper
sheathed, goes upon an easy draught
of water, and is a very fast sailer.—
This ship is well calculated for the
West India, American, or Straits
trade, is well found, and may be fit-
ted for sea at little or no expense.
For particulars enquire at John Shephard shipmaster, Dun-
dee.



Alexander Wattand, Glasgow, or Morrison and Company, Greenock.



Morrison and Company have for sale a cargo of Ameri-
can Timber, consisting of oak, elm, beech, black birch,
rock maple, a quantity of elm keel-pieces, and masts from
15 to 30 inches thick; likewise a cargo of exceeding fine
Newfoundland Cod Oil.

Highland Society of Edinburgh.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY, agreeable
to their regulations, is to be held on Tuesday the 10th
day of January instant, twelve o'clock noon, at Lamont's
Rooms, foot of Carrubber's Close, when it is expected that
the Members will attend; as besides the ordinary business,
there is to be a ballot on the application of some Noblemen
and Gentlemen, who are desirous to become Members.

It is also proposed, that such of the Members as are in
town, shall dine at Fortune's on Friday next the 13th cur-
rent, and send their names to the waiter betwixt and Thurs-
day forenoon.

Members will please remember to pay their annual contri-
bution to David Stewart, Esq; banker in Edinburgh, Treasur-
er of the Society.

THE Merchants concerned in the

Cargo of the **MARY, BOYD**, will please to observe,
that the Margaret and Elizabeth, Captain Hunter, and Swan,
Captain Fletcher, that were freighted to carry the goods from
Hull to Leith, are arrived. The former has delivered all her
Cargo, and the latter ready to be delivered, by James Whyte
of the Marine Work, Leith; to whom all such as have not
delivered in their invoices will please apply, and sign the average
bill, or pay a deposit to answer the salvage.

N. B. The agreed freight from Hull to Leith is 1 s. 6 d.
per barrel bulk.

DISTILLERY.

Dalkeith, 5th January 1786.

A Respectable number of the **FARMERS** in MID-LO-
THIAN, being convened here this day, in con-
sequence of previous advertisements in the news-papers, to take
into consideration the present distressed state of the country
from the stagnation of the sale of barley, the meeting made
choice of George Thomson farmer in Dalhousie as the Prefes,
and having deliberated upon the business of the meeting, they
came to the following unanimous resolutions, viz.

I. That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the present
situation in the sale of barley, is occasioned by the Distillers
in Scotland being obliged to give over business, and that this
stoppage in the Distillery, so far as the meeting have been
able to inform themselves, arises from the oppressive and rig-
orous measures now exercised, in surveying and levying the
duties exigible from Distillers.

II. That unless some effectual remedy is immediately ob-
tained, and Distillation allowed to proceed, very fatal con-
sequences must ensue to the Landed Interest and Farmers of
this county, as well as of Scotland in general; and the
Meeting are humbly of opinion, that if the Distillers were
allowed to work with stills of smaller contents than those
presently tolerated by law; and if the duties were levied by
a tax on the contents of the still, in place of the present
mode, the distress this county labours under would be re-
moved, and would be equally, if not more productive to the
revenue.

III. That as the Landed Interest are equally concerned
with the Farmers in obtaining relief in the premises—the
Meeting are of opinion, that the Farmers in the different
counties, ought to join in a petition to the Landed Gen-
tlemen, and obtain their support and countenance, in pro-
curing through their representatives in Parliament, in a legal
and constitutional manner, relief to the Distillers, from the
oppression which they presently labour under, and which
threatens ruin and destruction to many industrious individ-
uals, as well Traders as Farmers.

IV. The Meeting appoint the following Committee of
their number to co-operate with the delegates from other
counties and parishes, viz. George Thomson their Prefes,
Andrew Gray in Dalhousie Mains, Alexander Cuthrie in
Lawfield, William Watson in Dalry, Thomas Rannie in
Caustland, William Laing in Craigour, and William Laurie in
Pardivine, with power to them, or either of them, to meet
with the delegates of other counties and parishes, on Wed-
nesday next, the 11th instant, in the Exchange Coffee-house
in Edinburgh, or at any after adjourned meetings, and to
concur in any measures that may be considered advisable for
obtaining relief from the grievances above mentioned. And
the Meeting further agree to contribute their proportion of
any expense that may be incurred in procuring such relief.
They also appoint these their Resolutions to be signed by
their Prefes, and published in the Edinburgh newspapers.
(Signed) **GEORGE THOMSON** Prefes.

SALE OF A

Villa in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh,
and **HOUSE IN JAMES'S COURT.**

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffee-
house, (A. Ramsay's) Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 31st
day of January 1786, between the hours of five and six after-
noon.

THE LANDS of MORNINGSIDE, in the parish of St Cuth-
bert's, and thire of Edinburgh, with a commodious man-
sion-house, a neat garden, a new set of office-houses, a bleaching
green, a well of good water, and other out-door conveniences.
The lands are divided into three inclosures with thriving hedges
and stripes of planting; two of the inclosures are very
old grass. There is also a fruit wall on the south of the gar-
den, covered with well-bearing trees. The situation is re-
markably pleasant, lying between the turnpike road from
Wright's Houses to Braid on the west, and the road by
Bruntsfield to the Grange Lane on the east. The whole
lands consist of about twenty-two Scots acres, have right to a
seat in the West Church, are held of the Magistrates of Ed-
inburgh for 8 l. 19 s. 11 d. of a penny Sterling of feu-duty,
1 l. 2 s. 6 d. 8 d. 10 d. on the entry of heirs, and the en-
try of singular successors taxed to 2 l. 5 s. 8 d. 8 d. 10 d. Sterling,
and they pay of stipend 3 l. 13 s. 10 d. Sterling.

A HOUSE in James's Court, Edinburgh, third storey from
the Court, No. 7. East entry, consisting of six rooms, closets,
kitchen, garret, and cellars under the court, lately possessed
by Mrs M'Millan, infested in the Edinburgh Friendly Insur-
ance, and the premium paid up.

The house and grounds of Morningside will be shown by
the agent there.

The house in James's Court may be viewed on Mondays
and Wednesdays, between the hours of one and two after-
noon.

A purchaser may have possession of both from the day of
sale.

For farther particulars apply to Mr David Russell account-
ant, or Anthony Burchy writer to the signet, Paterson's
Court, Edinburgh; to either of whom such as incline to pur-
chase by private bargain before the day of sale may give in
proposals.

NOTICE

TO the Creditors of Mr **DAVID THOMSON** of Ingleston,
and of Mr **ADAM THOMSON** of Muncraig.

THE Trustee having now sold part of the lands belonging
to the said David and Adam Thomson, the credi-
tors are requested to lodge their claims and grounds of debt,
with oaths on the verity thereof, in the hands of Mr David
Russell accountant in Edinburgh, the trustee, betwixt and
the 10th of February next, in order that a division may be
made among them of the funds which have been recovered.

Such of the creditors, who reside in Galloway may lodge
their papers with John Smith writer in Kirkcudbright, who
will transmit them to Mr Russell.

Excise-Office, Edinburgh, 6th Jan. 1786.

BY ORDER OF

The Hon. Commissioners of Excise.

THERE will be exposed to public sale by auction, at the
times and places under-mentioned, the following Goods
lately condemned as forfeited in the Court of Exchequer, and
before the Justices of the Peace.

At **EDINBURGH**, in the Hall of the Excise-Office, on
Friday the 13th of January instant, at twelve o'clock noon,
2912 pounds weight of **HARD SOAP**.

At **AYR**, in the Excise-office, on Saturday the 14th of
January instant, at twelve o'clock noon, 2310 lbs. of **SOFT
SOAP**, with 15 Frames for keeping Soap.

At **MONTROSE**, in the Excise-office, on Tuesday the
17th of January instant, at twelve o'clock noon, 927 lbs. of
HARD SOAP.

The goods and conditions of sale to be seen at the respec-
tive Excise-offices on the day before, and morning of the day
of each Sale.

CARRIAGE FOR SALE.

A Very Good **POST CHAISE**, with a Coach-Box to use
occasionally, and Harness for a pair of horses, all in
complete order.—Apply to **Alexander Giehton**, Coach-
maker.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of the late Honourable **GEORGE
MACKAY** of Skibo.

THE Trustees of Mr Mackay request that all those to
whom he was indebted, will meet them, either by
themselves or their doers, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, upon
Monday the 23d current, at one o'clock.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of **JAMES THOMSON** Baker in
Edinburgh.

THAT upon the application of the said James Thomson,
with the concurrence of a Creditor to the extent re-
quired by law, the Lord Ordinary officiating on the Bills did,
on the 5th January current, sequestrate the whole real and
personal estate of the said James Thomson, and appointed
his Creditors to meet within the Exchange Coffeehouse of
Edinburgh, on Friday the 13th current, at twelve o'clock
noon, in order to chuse an interim factor upon said estate.

This notice is therefore given, that the Creditors of the
said James Thomson may attend the meeting, for the afore-
said purpose, bringing with them their grounds of debt, with
oaths on the verity thereof, in terms of the statute.

TO BE SOLD by public roup or auction, within the King's
Arms Inn in Dumfries, upon Wednesday the 22d day
of March next.

The two and Half-merk Land of

DORNELL, lying in the parish of Balmaghie, and stewar-
try of Kirkcudbright, consisting of 400 acres or thereabouts,
besides a Loch of 20 acres, well floored with perch and pike.
They hold of the Crown, and are rented at 43 l. Sterling,
and will be exposed at 850 l.

Also, **THE WOODS** on the marches between the lands
of Livingston and Fimminess, in the first parish of Balmaghie,
consisting of Oak, Ash, Beech, and Birch.

The articles of roup and title-deeds to be seen in the
hands of John Hunter, writer to the signet, and Thomas
Stothart, writer in Dumfries, to either of whom persons in-
clining to make a private bargain may apply.

FOR OPORTO.

THE JUNO,

PETER GAVIN Master.

Will sail from Leith for Oporto, about the
14th current, and return with what wines
may offer.

Apply to Ramsay, Williamson, and Company, Leith.

FOR LONDON.

THE DILIGENCE,

PHILIP BUTLER Master.

Now lying on the birth in Leith
harbour, taking in goods, and will
fall on the 14th of January instant.

This ship has excellent accommo-
dation for passengers.
For freight or passage, apply to
the Master at the ship, or to An-
drew Caffels, at the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, or at
his house in Leith.

FOR JAMAICA.

THE ELISABETH,

JOHN FISH Master.

Will be clear to sail by the 20th
January, and will deliver goods at
Montage Bay, Lucas, and Green
Island.

The Elisabeth is a British built
vessel, and particularly fitted up for
the accommodation of passengers,
and several state rooms.
For freight or passage, apply to Somervell, Gordon, and
Co. Glasgow, or the master at Greenock.

FOR GRENADA.

THE UNION,

DUNCAN M'NAUGHT Master.

Now lying at Greenock, will be
ready to take goods on board by
the 15th instant, and sail by the
15th February.

FOR ST. KITT.

THE CLYDE,

ROBERT DOUGLAS Master.

Will be ready to take goods on board at Greenock by the
20th instant, and clear for sea by the 20th February next.
For freight or passage in either of these ships, apply to
Alexander Houlton and Company in Glasgow, or Malcolm
Ritchie, and Leitch, in Greenock.

Glasgow, Jan. 3. 1786.

SHIP FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, on Thursday 26th current,
at twelve o'clock noon, at the Counting-house of Messrs.
Allan, Stewart, and Company, Leith.

THE SHIP HILSTON,

(About 450 Tons Burden)

BUILT AT HULL 1781.

This ship is excellently calculated
for a Greenlandman, or for the
Baltic trade.

L O N D O N, Jan. 2.

We hear, that when the manufacturers applied to Mr Pitt with regard to the Imperial arret, he informed them, that he was ignorant of any such ordinance, and did not believe that it had been issued. The arret had been printed no less than twenty-one days previous to this time.

The report that prevailed on Saturday last, of the death of John Wilkes, Esq; at Bath, is entirely without foundation, he being in perfect health, and expected in town on Wednesday next.

The accounts just arrived by the mail from America give a dismal picture of the anarchy and confusion in which the new States are involved. The authority of Congress every where disregarded; in many States, they have sent no representatives to that Assembly; in others they have refused to pay their quotas of the sums demanded for the exigencies of government; and in some they have shut up the courts of law, to evade payment of their debts. Several new and independent States have set up similar to that of Vermont, who make laws to themselves, and pay no regard to Congress. From all these circumstances the friends of humanity dread the horrors of a civil war, before a regular government can be established.

Letters were received in town from Holland on Saturday, which positively affirm, that the President of the States-General had given answers to the manifestoes of the Prussian Minister, stating that their High Mightinesses could not in any manner recede from their late resolutions respecting the appointment of the Count de Maillebois to the Government of the Hague, and that they had been inclined to give this answer the more speedily to the manifestoes of the Prussian Minister, in order to convince his Prussian Majesty (with whom they hoped and were desirous at all times of preserving an inviolable pacific alliance) that no duplicity is intended on the part of the States; but that their views, like their conduct, were open, manly, and consistent, as became Sovereign States, towards all the servants thereof, however highly exalted by other posts or privileges, which their High Mightinesses would on no account annul. In every other respect whatever, they were desirous at all times to accept of the mediation of the Court of Berlin, in every dispute with foreign powers, &c. &c. but that they can on no account derogate from their character as independent States; in the discharge or appointments of their governors, officers, &c. &c.

The letters from Paris, of the 26th ult. mention, that circular letters had been dispatched lately to the officers of the police in the several provinces of the kingdom, directing them to deliver in, by the 16th of January next, an account made up to the 31st inst. of all the prisoners at that time in their custody, with the particulars of their crimes, length of their imprisonment, &c. This is done previous to their selecting a number of felons to be sent to Havre and Cherbourg, to complete the fortifications which are now going on at those ports, which the French, though at immense labour and great expence, are aiming to make ports of the first maritime consequence.

PRICE OF STOCKS, JAN. 2.	
Bank Stock, —	107 1/2
5 per cent. Ann. (but, 107 1/2)	
opening	
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 87 1/2	
3 per cent. con. (but, 71 1/2)	
opening	
3 per cent. red. 69 1/2	
3 per cent. 1726, (but, 71 1/2)	
Long Ann. (but, 21 1/2)	
opening	
Short Ann. 1778, (but, 21 1/2)	
South Sea Stock, (but, 107 1/2)	

WIND AT DEAL,
Jan. 1. N. W.

EDINBURGH.

The roads, from the great fall of snow on Thursday night, have been rendered, in many places, altogether impassable, particularly the post-road from London. The mail from that city is not yet arrived, nor can it be reasonably expected in time for us to avail ourselves of any intelligence that may be brought by it. Since last night, an agreeable thaw has taken place, which, if it proves general, will soon render travelling convenient and expeditious.

On account of the severe storm, and drifting of the snow, yesterday's London post did not arrive till past one o'clock in the afternoon, which is several hours later than usual.

Thursday night and yesterday morning it blew almost a hurricane from the S. W. Very dismal accounts from sea may be expected.

By a gentleman who arrived last night from Dunbar, we are informed, that he met the post that set out from this place on Thursday evening for London, about a mile east of Haddington, at two o'clock on Friday afternoon; and that the road between Dunbar and London was so bad, he was of opinion, the mail could not proceed. By the same gentleman, we are informed, that an express arrived at Dunbar on Friday forenoon, with the disagreeable news of a brig, said to be the Friendship, from London, for Leith, having been driven ashore that morning, at Skateraw, about six miles east of Dunbar, and begging that a surgeon might immediately be sent; in consequence of which, a number of persons in that town, among the rest, Mr Brown surgeon, forthwith set off for the assistance of the sufferers. We have not as yet been able to learn any further particulars.

We hear from Portferry, that a vessel belonging to that place, Drum master, is wrecked on one of the northern Isles of Scotland, the crew saved.

The Right Hon. Lady Henrietta Hope, daughter of the late Earl of Hopetoun, died at Bristol Hot-wells on the 1st instant.

On Tuesday, died here, James Buchanan, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs for Scotland.

On Saturday last, died in the York Lunatic Asylum, where he had been resident near three years, Mr Reddish, formerly of Drury Lane Theatre. His merits as an actor are well known. He was particularly admired in the character of Posthumus, in Cymbeline, and of Edgar in King Lear, which was the last character he appeared in. During his residence in the Asylum, he never showed the least violence of temper, but always appeared with the

mildness and innocence of a child. He was maintained at the expence of the Theatrical fund in London, an institution that reflects great honour on its founders, and has left behind him a wife and three children.

PROSECUTOR-FISCAL against Law.

Thursday last, came on before Archibald Cockburn, Esq; of Cockpen, Sheriff-depute of this county, the trial of James Macmillan, father in Dalkeith, and John Law messenger in Edinburgh, indicted and accused at the instance of William Scott, Procurator-fiscal of Court, of having raised a riot in the house of Sir John Dalrymple Hamilton McGill, Bart. at Oxenford, upon the 2d day of June last, in endeavouring to carry off Margaret Athie, spouse to the said James Macmillan, from Sir John's house, where she resided in quality of house-keeper; for using threatening and abusive language to Sir John and his Lady; and for pushing, pulling, and dragging Lady Dalrymple, and threatening, if any one opposed them, that by the living God they would put a brace of bullets through their head: in particular, that Law damned Sir John Dalrymple, and the whole Court of Exchequer, and swore by the living God, that if he were James Macmillan, he would immediately set fire to the house, and burn out the whole family, rather than allow Margaret Athie to remain where she was another night. It appeared, that Macmillan had taken Law with him as a friend, to assist him in bringing home his wife, when Lady Dalrymple and Sir John interfering, a scuffle ensued, which is the ground of the present prosecution. It was alleged by the counsel for the prosecutor, that Macmillan's wife was unwilling to go with him; but this was denied by the counsel on the other side. The diet was deferred, *pro loco et tempore*, against Macmillan, and he was dismissed from the bar.

Very able and learned pleadings took place upon the relevancy of the libel. The Counsel for the pannel denied the authority of the Procurator-fiscal to bring such an action. They contended, that as the people of Scotland were deprived of that great palladium of liberty, the Grand Jury, (without whose verdict no person in England could be tried) the right of bringing to trial ought in this country to be strictly guarded, and confined to his Majesty's Advocate and Solicitor General, and not given to Procurator-fiscals, and other inferior officers; a practice which, if allowed, would be highly dangerous to the subject. It was farther pled for Law, that it was incompetent, in every view of the case, for the Procurator-fiscal to bring a prosecution of such a nature, without the concurrence of Sir John Dalrymple, the party said to be injured; and that the offence libelled being altogether of a private nature, and the story itself foolish and trivial, it could not be alleged that the interest of the public called for a prosecution, which very prosecution too, from its nature, must be disagreeable both to Sir John and his family. On the other hand, if Sir John Dalrymple had given his concurrence, he ought to shew himself openly on the prosecution, and thus remove the unfavourable impressions against the pannel, which the use of the public authority tended to raise. It was observed, that if Sir John was really the prosecutor, he could not, at the same time, be a witness in a prosecution brought by himself; and that the list of witnesses consisted entirely of persons in Sir John's family, except two, who were brought to prove, not what declaration had been made, but what was very singular, that no declaration whatever had been emitted. It was also contended, that the libel was totally irrelevant; That it charged Law and Macmillan with committing a riot, a crime of which there is no proper definition in the law of Scotland; but which, by the law of England, it was impossible for them to have committed, as it cannot be perpetrated but by three or more persons; and as Macmillan, the principal, was dismissed by the Court, it was contrary to all law, in that case, to try the accessory. — That the defendants were unjustly charged with going about unwarrantable purposes, while it was evident the purpose of their going to Oxenford was perfectly warrantable, and perfectly legal: That every man had a right to his own wife; and that he could take her wherever he could find her, unless maltreatment was alleged; a fact in a manner admitted by the Counsel for the prosecution themselves, who, by deserting the diet against Macmillan, plainly confessed that they understood him to have a right to the possession of his own wife, preferable to that of Sir John Dalrymple, or any other person whatever: That Margaret Athie really was Macmillan's wife, was an undoubted fact; it could be proved they had been regularly married, and that she had lived with him in a house in Edinburgh publicly as his wife for ten days, though it was agreed betwixt them that she should not come home to her husband's house till Sir John was provided with another housekeeper to supply her place; at the same time, she wrote the most affectionate letters to Macmillan, as her husband, some of which were produced; and Macmillan even slept with her in Sir John's house in that capacity, with the knowledge of the family: That the facts libelled to have been committed, were laid in very vague and general terms. It is not alleged, that Law struck or wounded Sir John or his Lady. He is only accused of pushing, pulling, and dragging; facts which, if proved, would not afford sufficient ground for a public prosecution. — That the expressions libelled were equally general; for instance, it was said that Law damned the whole Court of Exchequer. What was this but a passionate folly, in consequence of the harsh usage he had met with, having been struck, confined, and tumbled down a stair-case, with a whole family lying above him; and told, by way of consolation, that he suffered all this from a Baron of Exchequer! Was it not natural for a man, in this situation, to say, "Damn the Court of Exchequer! it won't heal my broken bones." — That the other expressions were all of a piece with this, mere fallies of resentment, and altogether unworthy of public notice, much more of a solemn criminal prosecution — and that, upon the whole, the libel was incompetent and irrelevant.

The counsel on the other side, maintained the right of the Procurator-fiscal to bring the action, and insisted much upon the aggravated crimes of insult and abusing one of the supreme Judges of the kingdom in his own house. — This being the first cause ever tried by a jury before the Sheriff, and the point of law being of considerable importance, the Judge was pleased to order printed informations to be given in by both parties. The pleadings, particularly that of Mr M'Laurin, which was replete with wit and ingenuity for which this gentleman is distinguished, afforded great entertainment to a crowded court. The counsel who spoke for the prosecutor, were Mr Craig and Mr Wolfe Murray; for the pannel, Mr M'Laurin, Mr John Dickson, and Mr John Wilde.

On Tuesday last the Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures, established in Glasgow by Royal Charter, was held there, for electing six new Directors, in the room of six who were to be disqualified, when Patrick Colquhoun, Esq; the present Chairman, explained, to a very numerous and respectable meeting, the various matters that had been under the consideration of the Directors since the last general meeting, together with the subjects now under discussion, which shewed fully the utility of this institution. A number of Gentlemen entered as members, and the list of Directors being given in, the following Gentlemen were invested with the Direction for the ensuing year:

Messrs. Patrick Colquhoun.	Messrs. Alexander Brown.
James M'Grigor.	Robert Findlay.
Gilbert Hamilton.	John Campbell, jun.
John Campbell.	Peter Morrice.
John Robertson.	William Shortridge.
John Laurie.	George Macintosh.
James Sommerville.	Andrew Stirling.
Henry Riddell.	Thomas Bell.
Archibald Graham.	William Carlisle.
John Stirling.	James Lowndes.
Walter Stirling.	Claud Neilson.
Dugald Bannatyne.	Robert Hunter.
David Dale.	James Gammel.
Archibald Henderson.	John Kippen.
James M'Dowall.	

Extract of a letter from St John's, Sept. 8.

"Trade is but very low here at present, as well as in all the States of America. The Americans were never known to have so dull times, their trade being entirely confined to their own ports, nor any other vessels admitted but such as are built by themselves, and navigated by their own people. This makes the United States repent their late infurrections. I think this place will be better, as every step is taken by the Governor and Council, for the good of the inhabitants. One thing is still wanting here, a place or places for divine worship, with ministers to officiate in them. All clerical matters are at present performed by the Governor's Secretary, according to the liturgy of the Church of England. Christenings and marriages are likewise celebrated, according to the forms prescribed by that Church. There is only one church a-building here, by the Scots Presbyterians. But, it must be considered, that the people in this place have been employed in getting houses to live in, which makes them neglect other public works. It is, indeed, amazing to behold the number of large buildings now erected in this place, which, about two years ago, was either covered with trees, or overflowed by water."

Extract of a letter from Glasgow, Jan. 5.

"The severity of the frost since Thursday last, has been very intense, particularly on Sunday morning, at nine o'clock, the mercury in Fahrenheit's thermometer was at 4 degrees above 0, or 28 degrees below the freezing point — at midnight it sunk 5 degrees lower. Yesterday and this morning the weather has become more temperate."

"Last Monday morning a man was found dead in an inclosure at Queenslie, about three miles east of this city. From his dress he appeared to be a respectable tradesman, probably a tailor. In his pockets were found a pair of sheers, some thimbles and needles. After a very minute examination, no violence was discovered on the body."

"Last Saturday a fire happened in Sneddon-street, Paisley, in the house of John Allason, which burnt with great fury; but happily, by assistance of the people and fire-engines, was prevented from communicating to any of the adjoining houses, and only burnt down that in which it first began."

"The Magistrates have lately fined the person who lights the lamps, (or rather who does not light them) in about four pounds for neglect of duty. — This was done upon the information of some of the citizens."

"Yesterday, Mary Ewing and Mary Reid, for theft and refusal of theft, in conformity to a sentence of the Sheriff, stood one hour barcheaded on the Tolbooth stair-head. — They are likewise banished the county for life, under the usual certifications."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 29.

"To the no small disappointment of two of our Knights of shires, no Peers are yet arrived, only that of Mr Pery's, which came to the Castle on Monday. This Gentleman takes his seat among the Peers on the opening of the sessions."

"Administration certainly manœuvre right in keeping Mr G. and Colonel G. a little longer in their ranks in the lower house. Every influence has been pushed by these gentlemen, to enable them to vacate their seats for the counties of D—bl—n and L."

"rd. All would not do; such tried and approved virtue and abilities must be exerted for another campaign, to support the popular administration of the Duke of Rutland."

The pension for Mr Pery is not yet positively fixed; it waits the King's letter, though the quantum and term have been ascertained amply and fully to the wish of Mr Pery."

"Strange and various are the reports relative to the Propositions, some positively asserting that Mr O. will in no shape revive the crude, undigested mass, this session, while all the runners of the Castle, and their 15 scribes, are incessantly dinning them in the ears of the public."

"Three regiments of foot are now on their march to embark for this kingdom; two from England,

and one from Scotland. It is said the cause of this reinforcement is, that by the last returns made to the War-office, the number of men required by law to do duty in this kingdom was deficient, and these three regiments are intended to make up that deficiency."

The HADDINGTON BALL is to be on Tuesday first, the 10th inst.

To the Publisher of the Caledonian Mercury.

S I R,
I HAVE read the proposed bill for a reform in the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, and I think, if that bill was to pass into a law, the cure would be much worse than the disease. I shall only mention a few of the many objections that occur to it.

1st, Six days must appear a long space for the whole inhabitants of a borough to be diverted from their usual and necessary employments in attending upon an annual election; and, from the variety of forms, and oaths proposed to be taken, six months would scarcely be sufficient to carry through this business in large towns, such as Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. and eight hours of a federunt, without intermission, seem too long a period for any person closely to attend to business of this importance.

2^{do}, The number of electors would be so greatly multiplied, that it would create much dissipation, anarchy, and confusion, which is with much reason complained of in our sister kingdom.

3^{do}, The oath proposed, page 6. is too particular, and would require too much time to administer it, where the burgesses are numerous.

4^{to}, The proposed mode of keeping the rolls, and the four quarterly meetings yearly for that purpose, would be attended with too much trouble and expence; and the penalty annexed to the non-attendance of one member of each incorporation, is by far too high.

5^{to}, Forty-eight hours seem to be too short a period for making a scrutiny in the poll-books, and certifying the persons elected.

6^{to}, It would appear that electors must every year, in the month of August, take out a fresh certificate of their inrollment, and deliver that certificate to the clerk at the annual election.

This seems to be putting electors to unnecessary expence, especially as the last certified roll should afford sufficient evidence of the title of electors to vote; and supposing, among the multiplicity of such certificates, one or more should be lost by the clerk, there seems to be no remedy for such electors, it not being provided, that the production of such certificates shall be minutely in any register.

7th, Eight days seem to be too short a time for making a scrutiny in large towns. — Witness Westminister.

8th, Five shillings is too small a fee for a copy of a roll that may be 50 or 60 pages in length.

9th, The mode of proceeding in the different elections seems to be so complicated, and requires so much time and attention, that one would suppose the whole business of a borough was to attend to elections; besides, the penalties annexed to each omission are so high, that every prudent man, possessed of any share of property, or who has a reasonable prospect of acquiring any substance, would decline to become an office-bearer in any borough; hence the management of the whole borough concerns would fall into the hands of bankrupts and the lowest of the people, who, having nothing to lose, would pay very little regard to the extent of these penalties.

The revenues of the boroughs seem to be the most important article in this bill; but seven auditors are by far too many. There are several boroughs that will have difficulty in finding two good hands for this purpose. The Magistrates of the several boroughs, and Sheriffs of the counties in which such boroughs are situated, may be authorized, in the first instance, to grant warrant for citing witnesses; but it appears highly improper these auditors should have power to pronounce judgment. Their duty ought to be, to report their opinion; and that report would be the foundation of an action before the Sheriff; and, if either party thought themselves aggrieved, they may have leave to apply to the Court of Session, in the usual form, for redress. It would be wrong to send them to the Court of Exchequer, in respect of the great expence attending proceedings in that Court.

It might be enacted, that the Treasurer's accounts should lie open for the inspection of all the inhabitants for twenty days annually, before passing the same, and that they should have liberty to object thereto; in which event, these objections and answers should go to auditors; but, if no objections, that the Magistrates and Council should pass the accounts.

Town Treasurers should be liable in the same diligence that factors on sequestrated estates are, and also subjected in payment of annual rent; or, according to the practice in Edinburgh, a Chamberlain or factor might be appointed, and such factor to find caution. In small boroughs, this office would frequently fall to the Town-Clerk, or to some man of business that could find caution. The public revenue of every borough ought to be strictly attended to; and where that is neglected, disgrace and bankruptcy must ensue.

A COBLER.

Edin. Jan. 4. 1786.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

S I R,

SMODEUS, the friend of Don Cleofas the Spaniard, perhaps better known by the name of the Devil upon Crutches, I am informed, is now in G. — exercising his talents, and communicating his remarks to a particular intimate there, who has favoured me with a long string of curious anecdotes, amongst which are a few studied speeches intended for delivery at the meeting of a certain society in that city upon Tuesday first.

Should the compilers, in consequence of seeing their work at full length in your paper, alter any part of it, it must not be said that the Devil is a liar; for Asmodeus is too well known to have an uncommon knack of diving into people's thoughts,

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L-d P-r. GENTLEMEN, We are this day met, for the momentous purpose of choosing a Chairman to fill the office, which I have had the honour to hold for two years.—Gentlemen, it would be highly improper at this time, to enter into a detail of the vast mass of business, which must come before you in the course of this year, were it not, that by bringing this circumstance to your recollection, it will naturally lead you to make choice of such a President, as can with ease form a systematic arrangement of the various parts of this great whole, and carry with firmness the resolutions of the Society into effect. Indeed, Gentlemen, it is absolutely necessary, that your choice should fall upon such a character; otherwise, in the course of the difficult negotiations to be entered upon, we may find ourselves in circumstances peculiarly embarrassing.

Gentlemen, I see many venerable and sapient heads at this Board; yet, I must forbear entering into a detail of the merits of individuals, because it would not only take up too much of your precious time (a thing I have always studiously avoided), but it might also be considered as invidious. I shall, therefore, only say, whoever is the man of your choice, he may depend upon my assistance, in forming such a system for the management of the business of this Society, as may be necessary, provided he is willing to enter into the minutiae of it.

Gentlemen, when I was last in London, I one day dined with Sir H—r M—rth—there were present Billy E—n, Mr D—s, my L—d A—e, Mr D—r, and my very good friend B—y. We had a great deal of interesting conversation, a very great deal indeed, Gentlemen, upon the Irish Propositions, the French Treaty, our American Debts, and the catching of Herring amongst the Hebrides. The result, Gentlemen, was, that they one and all agreed to furnish me with the earliest and most authentic information; and I may venture to say, they have been as good as their words. Gentlemen, it is not upon them only I depend for intelligence. I have collected, Gentlemen, with infinite pains and industry, volumes of opinions; a mass of information from the General Chamber of Manufactures in London, and from the Provincial Chamber at Manchester.

But to return to the business we are met upon, I shall only add, that I have a Gentleman in my eye, who, although his abilities may be a shade under those of some of the other candidates, yet as he is supported by a powerful interest in this Society, perhaps it may be proper for the sake of peace and unanimity to call him to the Chair.

Chintz.—I rise to thank the Gentleman who spoke last, for having hinted at me as a candidate for the Chair, although I cannot approve of his mode of using it; but let that pass.—I shall only say, Gentlemen, that should I have the honour of being the object of your choice, I shall exert my weak endeavours to bring the manufactures of this country to an envied pitch of perfection; and my opinion is, that the weight of this Society ought to be bent entirely to that great object.

I have only further to add, that I know it is the business of a Chairman, to open all debates, and that it is also necessary he should understand something of argument, and be able to put his motions in proper form.—For my own part, Gentlemen, I do not pretend to be a very good hand at making long elaborate connected speeches; but to make amends, you shall have them often enough.

Benewolus.—Gentlemen, You will allow me, as a well-wisher to this Society, to move, that one of our number be chosen to the President's chair, who possesses a sufficient share of dignity to fill it properly, who has grown grey in experience, and who is rapid, decisive, clear, and concise. Such a man I see at this table, and his name is Calvin.

Enigma.—I second the motion, and farther propose, that all you who approve of Calvin for President, do hold up your hands.

Gentlemen, I am happy to see so very unanimous an election; and now, Mr Calvin, allow me to conduct you to the Chair.

There he sits, Gentlemen, like the Delphic Oracle: and let me tell you, that our new President, whose name bespeaks his lineage, and who being in the entail of the Covenant, is as great an enemy to Popery, as any member of the Revolution Parliament, or even Lord George himself—So much for his principles; and, with respect to his abilities, he is as fit to take a thing in hand, as any member of the Society.

Calvin.—D—n me, Gentlemen, but I am penetrated with a high sense of the honour conferred upon me. My abilities, such as they are, shall be directed to the general good of the Society, without respect of persons.—By G—d, Gentlemen, you must allow me to swear a little upon this occasion—Swearing, to be sure, is highly culpable in youth; but when the practice of it arises from mature deliberation, it cannot be greatly condemned.—I say, by G—d, Gentlemen, we will go through all this mass of business in a twinkling.—Our rum and sugar shall lay in the King's warehouses without deposit—Our mullins shall not be stamped, and the duties on tobacco shall

Pater Urbis.—Let's see a snuff, Calvin, and don't be so decisive; that's my way.

Calvin.—I say, Gentlemen, that the duties on tobacco shall be reduced to fourpence. Gentlemen, fourpence, by G—d.—In short, Gentlemen, you shall see with what rapidity we will go through this business, without entering into a detail of it.

Chintz.—Mr Calvin, I give you joy of your election; and, to show my regard for the interest of the Society, notwithstanding my disappointment, I have a proposal to make, which, I doubt not, will meet the approbation of the Gentlemen present, and, I think, may be adopted without calling a General Meeting.—It is, That the funds of this Society, amounting to upwards of 1300 l. Sterling be disposed of as follows:—One half, I propose, shall be

invested in Sir J—D—'s Iron Works; and the other half sunk in the Monkland Canal. What think you of this, Gentlemen. Bonus has left the chair; Melior is now in it; but, I expect to see the day, when Optimus shall take his turn.

Clerk to the Office of Submissions.—Mr President, I beg leave to mention, that my appointment is unequal to my labour; and I must either relinquish my office, or my health will be sacrificed to the immense drudgery.

Besides, I am informed, that the C—t of S—n are beginning to view this Society with an evil eye, as usurping a right of deciding causes, which ought naturally to go before them. I have, therefore, to request an additional salary, or a colleague, without diminishing it.

Calvin.—Your clamant case, Mr Clerk, shall be taken into consideration, at the next meeting, to be here held on this day month.—To which time I adjourn you all.

NERVA and PATRIOTICUS in our next.

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH, Jan. 3. Young, Anderson, from Perth, with wheat and barley; Peggy, Blews, from Montrose, with oatmeal and malt.—4. Mary, Slanders, from Dunbar, with wheat; Leith packet, Walker, from Leith, with iron.—5. Anne, Ramsay, from Dundee, with barley.

ORKNEY SHIPPING.

Sailed from Stromness.

Dec. 13. Leith of Leith, Clouston, from Koningberg, for Liverpool, with grain; Minerva of Dundee, Davidson, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto; Friendship of Hull, Hemison, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto; Bachelor of and for Saltoots, Glasgow, from ditto, with ditto.—16. Bellona of London, Yellowlies, from Dantzick, for Lancaster, with wood; Rendal of and for Lancaster, Niel, from Christianfoud, with wood; Janet and Mary of Caron, Walker, from Koningberg, for Liverpool, grain.

Remain.

Morning Star of Leith, Kitchen, from Gottenburgh, for Dumfries, with iron and dals; Question of and for Dumfries, Kilpatrick, from Gottenburgh, with iron and dals; Helen of and for Leith, Higgins, from Stornaway, with herrings; Lady Charlotte of and for Peterhead, Gray, from Stornaway, with herrings and kelp; Peggy of Aberdeen, Iaw, from Island Martin, for London, with red herrings; Alexander and Margaret of Newcastle, Shepley, from Barra, for Caron, with iron-ore; Lilly of and for Dundee, Thornton, from Eskdale, with slates; Rachel of Stromness, Cruickshanks, from Stornaway, for Leith, with herrings. And his Majesty's Navy Cutter, Captain Hill, upon a cruise.

In Elswick Road,

Dec. 17. Evelina of Scarborough, Hill, from Peterburgh, for Dublin; and, — of Newcastle, Codlin, for Liverpool.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, Jan. 5. Elisabeth, Caffaw, from North-Berwick, with grain.—6. Swan, Fletcher, from Hull, with goods.

SAILED, Lovely Mary, Gardner, for London, goods.

BRITISH STATE LOTTERY,

Ann 1785.

Begins drawing the 6th February 1786, NOT TWO BLANKS to a Prize, and the prizes to be paid in money, without deduction.

THE ORIGINAL TICKETS and SHARES, from a Half to a Sixteenth, in variety of Thousands, stamped and secured, pursuant to act of Parliament, are sold and registered by

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The SHARES sold at this office (where the greatest variety is kept) will be charged same price as in London, and those drawn prizes paid here at current value so soon as drawn, or agreeable to act of Parliament in June 1786, without any deduction.

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CLUBS, &c. who purchase Quantities at this Office, will be charged as near the price of unsold tickets as the expense of stamps and dividing will admit.

At their Offices, in last and former Lotteries, the following capital prizes were sold and shared, viz. Five of 20,000 l. five of 10,000 l. thirteen of 5000 l. twenty-two of 2000 l. forty of 1000 l. and fifty-two of 500 l. of which one of 5000 l. and three of 500 l. were, last British Lottery, sold at this Office.

Country correspondents may have Tickets and Shares sent, on remitting bills at sight, or a short date.—Correct numerical and register books are kept.—Schemes to be had gratis at the Office.

Letters (post paid) duly answered.

DISTILLERY.

Saughtonhall, Jan. 5. 1786.

THE FARMERS of the Parish of St Cuthbert's, having met, to concert measures for obtaining relief from the hardships they at present sustain, in having almost no demand for their Barley, were unanimously of opinion,

That the cause of this calamity originates in the severity of the Excise laws; which, as they presently stand, are perhaps more oppressive than any to be met with in the most arbitrary Government.

That they have for some time observed, with much concern, the cruel situation of many worthy industrious men, employed in the Distillery business in their neighbourhood: That they now find themselves partners of the same unhappy situation, and are inclined to do every thing which men can do, to extricate themselves from such hardships.

That their Landlords, and the Landed Gentlemen of Scotland should be applied to for their support; as they value their own interests, the welfare of their tenants, and the future prosperity of this country; so that by their influence in Parliament, these laws may be so modelled, as neither to hurt the revenue, nor subject the manufacturer to the tyranny he at present experiences.

That the Farmers as a body politic, pretend not to existence; but, that as a numerous body of loyal subjects, on whose industry and welfare, the prosperity of the state much depends, they claim a right to lay their grievances before Parliament. As such, they are confident the Legislature must, and will attend to their distress; and will redress the grievances, of which they so justly complain.

This Meeting, therefore, offer it as their opinion to their fellow-sufferers, in the different corn counties in Scotland, that petitions to Parliament from each county should be drawn up, and sent to the different parishes in the county, to be signed by every Proprietor and Farmer, as well as by all others, who find themselves aggrieved by the laws aforesaid: And these petitions to be transmitted to the member for the county, and by him to be laid before Parliament.—They are likewise of opinion, that in prosecuting this, no time should be lost.

This Meeting appoint Mess. Mungo Panton, Alexander Brown, and James Bell, Delegates, to meet with those of the different Counties and Parishes, at Edinburgh, on Wednesday next, for forwarding this business. They agree to bear their proportion of the necessary expenses attending the same; and order these their opinions and observations to be inserted in the Edinburgh newspapers.

MUNGO PANTON, Pres. of the Meeting.

ON Monday next, for the last day, will be exhibited at the PARLIAMENT HOUSE,

Mr LUNARDI's New Transparent Balloon.

I. AN ORIGINAL PICTURE of Mr Lunardi, Mr Biggan, and Mrs Sage, taken from the life in full length, by the celebrated Mr Rigaud. Price 31 Guineas.

II. A PICTURE which represents Mr Lunardi ascending with his Balloon from the Artillery Ground in London, September 1784.

III. A PICTURE representing the British Balloon on the apparatus, while it was filling with inflammable air on that day.

IV. A PICTURE of the interior part of the Pantheon, in London, with the exhibition of the Balloon, crowded with passengers.

V. A PICTURE of Mr Lunardi's second Grand Balloon, taken in point of rising from St George's Fields, with the three Aerial Travellers.

On Monday, being the last day, the Parliament House will remain open from ten in the morning till dark.

Admittance, SIXPENCE.

Mr Lunardi having dropped a pocket-book, from the clouds, in his first aerial excursion from Glasgow, near Clackmannan, will give FIVE GUINEAS reward to the person that will bring or send it to him, with an exact description of the spot in which it was found, and a certificate; as he wishes to insert it as an Appendix to the Account he is now publishing of all his excursions made through the Scotch Atmosphere; and which will be embellished with an Engraving of the Author, by the celebrated Burke, and Engravings of the Balloon and Apparatus.

For the convenience of Ladies and Gentlemen, a subscription-book will be circulated by Mr Williamson, editor of the Edinburgh Directory.

NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS OF ALEXANDER HUME,

Leather Merchant in Kello.

THE Trustee in obedience to the 32d section of the late Bankrupt act, has made up a state of his intrusions with the funds of the said Alexander Hume, and of the debts that have been proved and lodged with him, previous to the 15th day of December last, being nine months from the date of the sequestration. But as the funds recovered amount to a mere trifle, it is proposed by the principal creditors, that no division shall take place, till the event of a process of reduction and repetition now depending, for setting aside certain deeds, conveyances, and indorsements, granted by the bankrupt after his insolvency.

The Trustee makes this intimation to all the creditors of the bankrupt, that the said funds will lie in his hands for their inspection till Wednesday the 15th day of March next, being the same day twelve months upon which the sequestration was awarded, upon which day the creditors are desired to meet within the house of Mrs Wood vintner in Kello, at one o'clock afternoon, to give such orders as may appear necessary for the future management, in terms of the statute.

JA. POTTS.

SALE OF LANDS NEAR GLASGOW.

TO BE SOLD, By public roup, in the Tontine Tavern, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 8th February 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve and two afternoon,

The Lands commonly called GREENLAW and BROOMLOAN, extending to a Twenty-two shilling and One Penny Land of Old extent, lying in the parish of Govan, and county of Lanark, with houses, biggins, yards, &c. and fallow lying on the water of Clyde affording thereto, holding of the Crown; for payment of a small feu-duty to the College of Glasgow.

The lands of GREENLAW consist of fifteen acres or thereby, very rich arable ground, delightfully situated upon the river Clyde, and roads leading to Paisley and Greenock, well inclosed and subdivided, lying opposite to Lancelfield, within the shire of Glasgow, at present possessed by Mr Francis Reid.

The lands of BROOMLOAN consist of twenty-three acres or thereby, rich arable ground, and in good condition, one park of which contains about eight acres, well inclosed, and surrounded with thriving trees, pleasantly situated for building; and, being intersected by a small rivulet, would make a very convenient field for bleaching and printing.

The lands of Broomloans are bounded on the north by the Greenock road, about the middle of the village of Govan, and lies south from thence towards the road leading to Paisley, two miles from Glasgow.

There is good reason to believe, that the greatest part of these lands abound in very fine coal.

For the encouragement of purchasers, the lands will be sold in one lot, or different lots, as they incline; and a considerable part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands, upon proper security.

Any person inclining to purchase betwixt and the day of sale, may apply to Alexander Macculloch writer in Glasgow, who has power to conclude a private bargain, for the whole or any part of said lands, and will inform as to particulars, and show the title-deeds, which are perfectly clear.

The following CASE is well worth the Attention of the Public.

Mr Hayman, Great Marlborough-street, LONDON.

SIR,

BEING relieved, by the use of your MARETANT'S DROPS, of one of the most afflicting complaints that human nature can endure, I unfeignedly send you my case (by favour of Messrs Husband, Elder, and Co. of Edinburgh, who were privy to my course of your medicine), for publication.

My disorder was of the PISTULA kind, very near the ANUS, which originally seized me (from what cause I know not) with a violent swelling, preventing the natural evacuation of urine, and subjecting me to the most agonizing pain: It came to a head, and suppurated seven different times, being such quantities of matter as to reduce me extremely low, accompanied with a continued sickness and total loss of appetite. In this feeble state I had recourse to your drops; when I had taken two bottles only, I perceived myself to recover strength, my sickness left me, and appetite increased; by a further perseverance, I soon became able to return to my daily employ, and in the course of seventeen bottles every symptom of the disorder vanished.

I left off taking the drops about two years; but must confess to you I was lately alarmed at some signs of a return, which made me again have recourse to your drops, and by the time I had taken half a bottle my fears subsided; and I am therefore happy to acknowledge the perfectness of my cure.

COLLINTON, Four miles West of Edinr. } I am, SIR, Your obedient humble servant, November 1785. } GEORGE MUIRHEAD.

N. B. The Commissioners of Stamps having caused the words "J. Hayman, Marlborough-street," to be engraved in the Government label, denoting the duty on each genuine bottle of these drops, it may be deemed a security against a spurious fort. A caution, however, is still necessary against those designing men, who obtrude a composition on the unwary in the name of the late proprietor, Sir John Norton; whereas the medicines prepared in his lifetime were recalled shortly after his decease, which happened in May 1783; from which time the vendors thereof throughout the kingdom became agents to Mr Hayman, who had the confidential trust and management of this business, both as to the preparation of the medicine and giving advice to the patients, ever since the year 1774.

These drops, which eradicate all scorbutic eruptions, from the most trifling appearance on the skin to those virulent ulcers which endanger the limbs, are sold at 5s. 5d. per bottle, duty included, at Mr Hayman's; and at Messrs HUSBAND, ELDER, and COMPANY'S, Edinburgh.

AT LONDON—FOR BORROWSTOUNNESS,

THE UNITY,

ROBERT HAINES (for James Grindlay) Master,

Is now taking in Goods at Hawley's Wharf, and will sail the 17th current, wind and weather serving. Good accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to the Master, at the New England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle-street, behind the Royal Exchange.

DISTILLERY.

Bathgate, January 4. 1786.

AT a meeting of the FARMERS of the Parishes of BATHGATE and TORPHICHEN, held here this day, it was unanimously resolved,

I. That experience has proved the laws hitherto enacted for regulating the distillation of spirits from corn in Scotland, to be in many instances, ruinous to the interests of the people, without being beneficial to the revenue of the crown; and that in particular, they have been executed for a year past, with a severity which has effluated the entire superfluousness of that important branch of manufacture.

II. That this mode of diminishing these laws is both oppressive and impolitic; oppressive, as it has forced the Distillers to relinquish a business, in which they had sunk very considerable capitals, and to which they trusted for advantages proportioned to their expenditure and industry, and deprived the Farmers of a market for the produce of their lands, and particularly barley, which may disable them from doing justice to their landlords, and even terminate in the ruin of their affairs; impolitic, because by cutting off a principal supply of manure, it obstructs the progress of improvement, and by diminishing the number of fat cattle, it enhances the price of provisions, and consequently, cramps industry and retards population; it encourages the influx of foreign spirits, and the erection of illegal stills; it annihilates a branch of revenue, which, under proper regulations, might be highly productive, and dooms the country to that languor, dejection, and distress, with which the stagnation of trade never fails to be accompanied.

III. That the establishment of the Distillery upon a proper footing is an object of the utmost magnitude and importance to the proprietors and possessors of land in this kingdom; That, therefore, opposition to the hardships with which it is presently oppressed, is meritorious and laudable; and that, if it is conducted with moderation, firmness, and a regard to justice and general utility, there is the best reason to hope, that, under an administration, who have shewn themselves disposed to abandon every measure harmful to the public advantage, some system will be immediately adopted, which without impairing his Majesty's revenue, will advance the interests of his subjects.

IV. That although this Meeting are far from presuming themselves to be competent judges in a question which leads to such intricate discussion, and in which so many jarring principles are to be reconciled, they humbly apprehend, that the plan best calculated for this end, would be to impose an annual tax on every working still, in proportion to its contents. By enacting this proposal into a law, the possibility of fraud would be precluded, and the expense of collecting the revenue reduced; the Distillers would be guarded against the severe exactions and wanton outrages of excisemen, and allowed to prosecute their business without apprehension or disturbance; the quality of their spirits would be improved, and the expense of extracting them lessened; and the whole manufacture, no longer harassed and interrupted by the rigour of excise, would be allowed to proceed with order, safety, and advantage.

V. That it is incumbent on this Meeting to express the sense of gratitude with which they are impressed to the Right Honourable the Earl of Hopetoun, and Sir William Ansell Cunningham, Baronet, for the public spirit which has already illustrated their conduct in this business, and their confidence, that they will relax neither in their personal exertion, nor in their patronage and support of any measure that may be conducive to its success.

VI. That, moved by the feeling of present, and the anticipation of future distress, arising from the rigorous treatment of Distillers, which has, for some time past, disgraced the conduct of the Excise, and determined, to the utmost of their power, to assert that superiority to oppression, to which as Britons they were born, this Meeting will concur in any prudent and constitutional measure, which may promise the redress of this intolerable grievance; and that, for this purpose, two of their number shall be appointed to attend the General Meeting of Delegates from the counties and parishes engaged in the same cause, which is to be held at Edinburgh on the 11th current; and that these Resolutions shall be inserted in all the Edinburgh newspapers.

FARMS IN TWEEDALE.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, in one or more lots, as agreeable to offerers, within John's Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 31st day of January 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The following FARMS, being part of the estate of Kilbucko, lying in the parish of Kilbucko, and shire of Peebles.

I. MITCHELHILL, possessed by Alexander Gibson.—The present rent is 105 l. with some kains and carriages; but the tenant is, by the tack, entitled to an allowance of 5 l. yearly for lime, for the first five years only, which commenced in 1781. The valued rent of this farm is 219 l. 18 s. 10 d. Scots, and it contains upwards of 800 acres.

II. BLENDWING and RAW, possessed by John Tod, and the late Mr Tait minister. The present rent is 101 l. 3 s. 3 d. with some kains and carriages; but the tenant is, by the tack, entitled to an allowance of 5 l. yearly for lime, for the first five years, which only commenced in 1781.—The valued rent is 209 l. 10 s. 7 d. Scots, and the farm contains upwards of 700 acres.

III. CLEUGH, GOSSLANDS, and NEWMAINS, possessed by Archibald Plenderleath. The rent is 132 l. 11 s. Sterling; the valued rent is 289 l. 7 s. 7 d. and these farms contain upwards of 700 acres.

All these Farms lie within a few miles of the market-town of Biggar, and are very improvable. They are held blench of the Crown.

A plan may be seen, by applying to William Dick writer to the signet; and Robert Steel in Kilbucko Mains will shew the grounds.

LANDS in the COUNTY of PERTH,

TO BE SOLD—BY ADJOURNMENT.

THERE will be exposed to SALE by public roup, under authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New session-house of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 19th day of January 1786, betwixt the hours of four and eight in the afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

Those parts of the Lands and Estate of KILGRASTON, still remaining unsold, being Lot III. called the lands of KIRKPOTTIE, MEIKLEFIELDIE, and CLOCHRIDGESTONE, lying contiguous in the parish of Broom, and within four miles of the town of Perth. They consist of 676 acres: 1 road 26 balls, 26 acres, 26 balls, and 26 balls, which have been planted in the view of building a Mansion-house. The plantations are in high order, and the lands hold of the Crown, and the proprietor will be entitled to vote at the election of a member of Parliament for the county.

The free proven rent of this Lot, after deducting public burdens, is 208 l. 15 s. 5 d. 11-12ths.—The woods upon the lands are valued at 1334 l.; and the upset price, including the value of the wood, will be 5334 l. 6 s. 7 d. 6-12ths.

The articles of roup are to be seen at the office of Mr John Callender, depute-clerk of Session; and the progress of writs, rentals and plans of the lands, will be shown by William Lumdaine, clerk to the signet, who will inform as to other particulars.—John Rutherford, jun. writer in Perth, will also shew rentals; and William Chalmers at Kilgraston will shew the grounds.

SUBJECTS in the Town of Dalkeith

TO BE SOLD by public roup, upon Friday the 10th February 1786, within the house of William Hardie porter in Dalkeith.

That **LARGE TENEMENT**, back and fore, commonly called the **OLD CROSS KEYS**, lying on the north side of the street, the property of the said William Hardie, consisting of eleven fire-rooms, with stables, cellars, yards, and pertaining backyards to the mill-lead, the free yearly rent whereof is 20 l.

The above subjects are very fit for a public house, being in a central place of the town, and having free access from the street. The Gardens are pleasantly situated for building upon.

For particulars, application may be made to James Hay at Mr Thomas Tod's writer to the signet, George's Square, Edinburgh; and any person wishing to treat by private bargain, may apply to him, or to the said Mr Hardie, who will show the premises.

TO BE SOLD by roup, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 10th of January 1786, at six o'clock afternoon.

TWO INCLOSURES, containing between sixteen and seventeen acres, a Garden of near half an acre, with a Stable and other offices, lying on the east side of the New-row, Dunfermline. The upset price 1100 l. Sterling.

The inventory of the title-deeds, and articles of roup, to be seen in the hands of Adam Bruce writer in Edinburgh.

MILLS TO LET.

TO BE LET by public roup, within the Town-house of Linlithgow, upon Saturday the 28th day of January, 1786, at 11 o'clock before noon, upon a lease of three or more years, commencing at Candlemas next.

The **MILLS** upon the water of Avon, belonging in property to the burgh of Linlithgow, consisting of a Vertical Barley Mill, also of Corn, Wheat, and Malt Mills, all newly erected, upon a convenient plan, capable of great execution, the whole machinery being constructed in a complete and masterly manner.

From the situation of these Mills, in a populous corn country, having ready access by good roads to the frith of Forth and Great Canal, a very considerable trade may be carried on here to advantage, and joined with the extensive thrilage of the town of Linlithgow, may be an object to persons inclined to pursue the manufacturing of grain to great extent; and as an encouragement for this purpose, the Magistrates and Town-Council will accommodate a tenant with granaries at the harbour of Blackness, free of rent, also of port and shore dues.

The articles and conditions of roup to be seen at the Town-Clerks Office; and persons wishing further information, upon any particular, may correspond with Robert Clark, Esq; Provost of Linlithgow.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday January 27th 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

These Two HOUSES, being the two upper stories of No. 2, south-side Prince's Street, presently possessed by Mrs Spots. The one house consists of six rooms, a kitchen, two large bed-rooms, a dressing-closet, and many conveniences. The other of three rooms, a kitchen, and a large bed-closet. The two houses may be easily converted into one.

To be seen on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from twelve to two o'clock.

For particulars apply to Archibald Landie, writer to the signet.

GROUND FOR BUILDING ON.

TO BE SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 27th day of January current, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

That **HOUSE** and Office-houses in Cleland's Yards, presently possessed by James Stewart writer in Edinburgh, with the area in front, and half an acre behind, measuring in length 280 feet and upwards, and 75 feet in breadth, and having a servitude upon a carriage-entry to Broughton. The whole is held for payment of 2 l. Sterling yearly.

As the access to the ground from James's Street, and other conveniences renders it a desirable situation for building upon, if not sold, the whole will be fenced in one lot, for that purpose. The purchaser or feuer's entry to the ground may be immediately, and to the house, &c. at Whittunday next.

The price may remain in the purchaser's hands for several years, upon proper security.

The progress of writs, plan and articles of roup, may be seen in the hands of the said James Stewart.

UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO BE SOLD, under the authority of the Court of Session, upon Friday the 27th day of January 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh.

The Lands and Estate of BALMAGHIE, lying in the parish of Balmaghie, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, with the teinds and right of patronage of the parish-kirk of Balmaghie.

The free rent of this estate, after all deductions, was proved to be - L. 454 12 7 10-12ths

And the proven value thereof is twenty-four years purchase of that rent, or - L. 10,911 3 4

And the value of the patronage is proved to be - L. 55 11 1 4-12ths

Former upset price, - L. 10,966 14 5 4-12th But as one of the farms has fallen in its rent since the proof was taken, the premises are now to be exposed at the reduced upset price of - L. 9,700 0 0

The lands hold of the Crown, and the estate is very extensive, and capable of great improvement; there is a good mansion-house on it, with suitable offices.

The articles of roup, and progress of writs, with a rental of the estate, will be seen in the office of Thomas Bruce, deputy-clerk of Session; and persons intending to purchase may apply to him, or to James Walker writer to the signet, or to James Macdonald writer to the signet, the factor upon the estate for further information.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS in the Shire of DUMFRIES.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 25th day of January current, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

The remaining Lots of the Lands and others, which belonged to JOHN GRAMMOND of Corriellaw.

LOT II. The Lands of Burnhead, and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Tundergarth, and shire of Dumfries. The proven free rent, after all deductions, is 21 l. 2s. and 6d. per annum at 600 l. Sterling.

This farm, which is situated upon the water of Milk, consists of about 130 acres, all arable and meadow, and mostly inclosed. It is capable of great improvement, being in the neighbourhood of limestone quarries.

LOT III. A DECREE OF ADJUDICATION, at the instance of the above John Graham, against John Carruthers of Bogside, adjudging the lands of Bogside, for payment of two accumulated sums, which amount, with interest at Candlemas last, to 467 l. 18s. Sterling, and which is now to be set up at 1200 l. Sterling.

The articles of sale and progress may be seen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, deputy-clerk of Session; and further information will be got, by applying to Mungo Dobie writer in Lockerby, factor upon the subjects.

JUDICIAL SALE OF Lands in the County of Linlithgow.

By Adjournment—Upset Price Reduced.

TO BE SOLD, by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 18th January current, 1786, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, the SUBJECTS following, which belonged to the deceased William Belcher of Grange, viz.

All and Whole the Lands and Barony of GRANGE, with the Coal and Salt-Works, Iron-Stone, Iron-ore, and others, with the teinds and pertinents, as specified in the acts of roup.

The lands are proven to be worth twenty-five and one half year's purchase of the nett proven rent, being 400 l. free of all deductions, amounting to - L. 10,200 0 0

The coal and salt-works are proven to be worth eleven years purchase of the proven rental, being 300 l. amounting to - 3300 0 0

The iron-ore or iron-ore are also proven to be worth eleven years purchase of the proven rental, being 100 l. amounting to - L. 1100 0 0

Total value, - L. 14,600 0 0

Which is now reduced by the Lords to L. 13,800 0 0

The lands lie within a mile of the town of Borrowstounness, and are held in blench of the Crown, for payment of a penny Scots, if asked only. The proprietor is entitled to vote for a member of Parliament.

Item, The Houses, Kill, Malt-barn, and others, lying at Old Mill of Grange, of old called St John's-bank, and others which were purchased by the deceased William Belcher from David Stevenson, son and apparent heir of the deceased David Stevenson, shipmaster in Borrowstounness, being part of the said barony, and holden feu of the heirs of the said William Belcher, for payment of 10 marks Scots 6½ boll wheat, and 8 hens yearly.

Item, The Houses, Biggings, &c. in Bridgeness, and Piece of Ground lying at the west side of the Cunningsburgh of Grange, three half-yards, a piece of Grass Ground, &c. which were purchased by the said William Belcher from Harry Allan writer in Edinburgh, being also part of the said barony, and holden feu of the heirs of the said William Belcher, for payment of 20 s. Scots yearly. The proven rent of the whole subjects being nett 800 l. free of all deductions, no deduction is made on account of the feu duty of the said two last parcels, which are payable to the proprietor of the said barony.—The articles and conditions and acts of roup, will be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson deputy-clerk of Session, or John Russell clerk to the signet.

N.B. The proprietor has right to the pier and harbour of Grange Pans, where there is good accommodation for shipping.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS.

In the County of Caithness.

TO BE SOLD within the Parliament or New Session-House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 13th January 1786, between the hours of four and seven o'clock in the afternoon.

The following **LANDS** and **ESTATE** which belonged to the deceased George Sinclair of Stirling, either in whole, or in the two following lots, as officers shall incline.

LOT I. The Lands of WEDDERCLET and UPPER and NETHER HAUSTERS, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 78 l. 6s. 10d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1645 l. 3s. 11d. 5-12ths Sterling. These lands of Wedderclet and Hausters hold of the Crown.

LOT II. The Lands of STIRCOCK and MILL thereof, BLINGARY, HAUSQUOY, GRAYSTONES, and A-CHAIRN, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the said parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 87 l. 8s. 1d. 11-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1831 l. 11s. 5d. 1-12th Sterling. These lands of Stircock and others hold feu of Mr Sinclair of Barrock, for payment of an yearly feu-duty of 4 l. 6s. 2d. Scots.

The whole of this estate lies at a distance of about only from two to three English miles from the royal burgh of Wick; and from the moorlands on this estate, which are inexhaustible, the inhabitants of that burgh are in a great measure supplied with peats for firing. The lands themselves are of very considerable extent, and are capable of great improvement; and there is a great appearance of finding lime-stone upon these lands.

The articles of sale, and title-deeds of the different lands, may be seen at the office of Mr Keith Dunbar, deputy clerk of Session; and copies of the proven rental may be got from William Sinclair writer to the signet, to whom persons wishing to be informed of further particulars may apply.

SALE OF LANDS in ARGYLE-SHIRE.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next, between five and six o'clock afternoon.

The extensive estates of DUNTRON, on Locherinan, and of OIB, on Lochween; lying about 25 miles south-west of Inverary, in the parishes of Kilmartine and North Knapdale, and shire of Argyle. The proven free rent is upwards of 900 l. Sterling, and still improvable; of which that of Oib is better than 200 l. Sterling, and will be exposed separately in Lots, or together, as formerly advertised.

The tenants are thriving, the situation of the estate pleasant and convenient, the communication easy, the soil excellent, and the woods extensive and flourishing.

There is a commodious mansion-house with offices, pleasantly situated upon Locherinan, whence the Canal (an object now under the view of the Legislature) is intended to be executed across Lochgilphead. The estate of Oib has also an excellent situation for a place of residence. A more complete and desirable property rarely appears in the market.

For further particulars enquire at John Moir writer to the signet, Edinburgh, who will show the rental, plans, surveys, and title-deeds of the estates; at Duncan Campbell writer, Inverary, or Mr Alexander Ross, accountant in Edinburgh; who will treat as to a private bargain. John Campbell, schoolmaster at Duntrone, will show that estate; and John Campbell at Tayloch, the estate of Oib.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO BE SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 25th day of January current, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

ALL and **HALL** the **LANDS** of PHONES and ETTERISH, with their pertinents, lying in the parish of Kingussie, Lordship of Badenoch, and county of Inverness; the proven free stock whereof, after all deductions, is 62 l. 19s. 8d. 1-12th Sterling; and the free teind of the same is 14 l. 2s. 8d. 9-12ths. The proven value of the said free stock is 1637 l. 11s. 6d. 2-12ths. And the free teind is valued at 70 l. 13s. 7d. 9-12ths. The value of both stock and teind being 1708 l. 5s. 1d. 11-12ths.

Both these lands hold of the Duke of Gordon for payment of 6 l. 4s. 7d. Sterling of feu-duty, including converted customs and services. They are pleasantly situated upon the edge of the military road leading from Perth to Inverness, well accommodated with extensive pasturages, and a desirable purchase for a sportsman, having immediate access to fishing and fowling, and a delightful prospect of natural woods and running waters at every quarter.

The rental, progress, and articles of roup, are to be seen in the hands of Keith Dunbar Deputy-Clerk of Session.

TO LET, A Very handsome VILLA, within half

a mile of Edinburgh, having a commanding prospect of the frith of Forth and coast of Fife.

The House contains a dining-room 34 feet by 20, a drawing-room of the same size, another drawing-room 27 feet by 16, several good bed-chambers, servants hall, and other apartments, with a coach-house, stables, (in which are stalls for seven horses) and other offices, and a garden more than sufficient for one family.

The house will be let either furnished or unfurnished for one or two years, or a shorter space as may be agreed on, and may be entered to immediately.

For further particulars apply to Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh.

SALE OF LANDS in AYR-SHIRE.

THE Lands and Barony of HAININGROSS, and great part of the Lands and Barony of CESSROCK and BARR, lying contiguous, in the parishes of Riccarton and Gaulton, and shire of Ayr, consisting of about 3100 Scots acres, and valued in the cess-books at 754 l. 4s. 1d. to be sold by roup within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 1st March next, at six o'clock afternoon, in one or more lots, as purchasers shall incline. If the latter, the following are proposed:

1. The Haining lot. Free rent L. 525 : 3 : 7 4-12ths Sterling.

2. The Auld lot. Free rent L. 618 : 7 : 8 1-12ths.

3. The Millands lot. Free rent L. 577 : 7 : 0 3-12ths.

4. The Langside lot. Free rent L. 121 : 10 : 7.

For further particulars, apply to William Fullarton of Rossmount, Esq; or John Russell, jun. clerk to the signet.

Sale of Lands in Dumfries-shire.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 26th day of January 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon.

The Lands of **HOTTS**, **BETWIXT-THE-WATERS**, **FOULTOWN**, and others, with the pertinents, which belonged to the deceased Dr George Bell, lying in the parish of Middlebie, and county of Dumfries; the upset price to be 3800 l.

If no offerers appear for the whole estate, it will be exposed in four Lots, viz.

LOT I. The Lands of **BETWIXT-THE-WATERS**, and **FOULTOWN**, on which there is a considerable quantity of valuable old timber, and thriving young plantations, at the upset-price of - L. 2000 0 0

LOT II. The Lands of **HOTTS**, and **Perth**, at - 1050 0 0

LOT III. The Lands of **WHITELEES**, at - 450 0 0

LOT IV. The Lands of **GILMARTIN**, at - 450 0 0

The present rental of this estate is upwards of 150 l. Sterling, and will rise at least 25 l. yearly, when the tacks expire. The greatest part of the estate is out of lease; and the whole will be so in two or three years.

It is held of a subject-superior for payment of an elusory feu-duty; has a right to the teinds; and the tenants pay all public burdens, except the stipend, which is 3 l. 4s. 7d. yearly. The situation of these lands is commodious in every respect, and too well known to require a more particular description.

Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh, James Graham writer in Dumfries, or George Richardson of Pearbyhall, will give every necessary information that may be required, and will receive offers for a private sale any time before the day of roup.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, in the house of John Lorimer, victuiner in Dunbar, upon Thursday 12th January 1786, at twelve o'clock.

The Whole SUBJECTS of BEEL-

MOUTH, consisting of a genteel large commodious new-built House, with the old mansion-house, &c. well repaired.—A new pleasure House, Offices, Cellars, and Gardens, well stocked with fruit-trees, of the best kinds, an excellent pump-well in the back Court, all in the best repair; together with a small Park of good Pasture Ground, well inclosed, lying in front of said houses, with an Avenue leading up to the same, all pleasantly situated in the middle of Belhaven, near the town of Dunbar; commanding an excellent fine view of the sea, Lord Hardinton's house and plantings, and all the country round. The premises are convenient for bathing, being near to the sea, and much frequented in the summer season, on account of their healthful and pleasant situation.—The stage coaches from Edinburgh to Dunbar and Berwick, go through said town.

Such as intend to purchase, may apply to John Kerr proprietor, at his house in Dunbar, betwixt the day of sale, who will show said house and gardens, &c. and who does not exclude a private bargain.

JUDICIAL SALE OF DURN.

BY ADJOURNMENT, and the PRICE REDUCED.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament-house, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 21st day of February 1786, between the hours of four and six afternoon.

All and Whole the Lands, Barony, and Estate of DURN, with the Teinds and Mill of the same, lying in the parish of Fordyce and shire of Banff; the proven free rent whereof, exclusive of the cess, which is paid by the tenants, is 721 l. 6s. 4d. 3-12ths; and the upset-price which originally was 19,467 l. 10s. 6d. is now to be 18,000 l.

The valued rent is 952 l. Scots; and those parts of the lands held of the Crown, entitle the proprietor to a freehold-qualification in the county.

The estate is reckoned to contain about 1600 Scots acres, exclusive of a share in an undivided common and moor. It is situated within a quarter of a mile of that populous flourishing sea-port town called Portferry, five miles from Banff, and three from Cullen, through all which the great post-road leads, and in that district of the shire called the Borne, remarkable for its excellent soil and climate, fertile in all kinds of grain, and of late much distinguished for a fine of improvement.—The estate is well tenanted, most of the leases nearly expired, and upon a renewal, it is expected will yield more than double the present rent.—The lands abound with lime-stone, marble, and whin-stone quarries; and on the hill of Durn there are great quantities of white stone, fit for potteries, for which advantageous offers have been made. The lands are also well accommodated with the means of improvement, as the barony has a servitude upon the inexhaustible moor of Park, and from their vicinity to water-carriage, coal, and every other necessary, are easily procured. The Gardens of Durn are very extensive, and well stocked with fruit trees of the best kinds; a considerable part of the estate contiguous to the house is inclosed and subdivided with whin and thorn hedges, with belts of thriving young plantations, which renders the parks remarkably warm and well sheltered. There is likewise a good deal of old planning about the house, on which no value is put.

A new house may be set down at a little distance from the old one, on a more elevated and most eligible spot, in the middle of a rich loamy field of forty acres, well supplied with spring and running water, and diversified with most delightful and extensive prospects of the Moray Frith and adjacent country.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the office of Mr Alexander Ross, deputy-clerk of Session; and the rental, with a measurement of the estate, in the hands of Andrew Stewart jun. writer to the signet, agent in the sale; to whom, or Mr Keith Dunbar, deputy-clerk of Session, intending purchasers may apply for other particulars. A plan of the estate lies with Mr James Duff at Banff, factor appointed by the Court; and John Ross, gardener at Durn, will show the grounds.

COUNTY OF BERWICK.

THE Committee appointed by the Justices of Peace and Commissioners of Supply for the County of Berwick, in their last Michaelmas meeting, having prepared and printed the draught of a bill for levying tolls upon the road between the Pease Bridge and Berwick; and having also prepared a report upon various proposals for the improvement of the county-roads, (which were the two objects of their appointment) the Convener does hereby request the *berwickers* of the said county to meet upon Monday the 16th instant, at Dunfer, in the house of John Gordon writer there, for the purpose of considering and determining upon the said bill and report.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

SIMON FRASER Junior, Merchant in Inverness, having, in terms of the act of Parliament, applied for a sequestration of his effects, the same was awarded by the Court of Session; and a meeting of his creditors having been held at the house of John Ettles victuiner in Inverness, on the 30th December last, James Macdonald merchant in Inverness was chosen interim-factor; and a meeting of the said Simon Fraser junior's creditors was again appointed to be held on the 19th February next, at twelve o'clock noon, in the house of the said John Ettles, for the nomination of a trustee. And the said James Macdonald having applied to the Sheriff to fix diets for the public examination of the said Simon Fraser, and of his family, and others acquainted with his business, the Sheriff has appointed Saturday the 7th January 1786, and the three succeeding Saturdays for that purpose. Of all which the factor makes this public intimation, that all concerned may attend on the diets above mentioned.

J.A. MACDONALD.

TO BE SOLD, by public roup, or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 9th day of March 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

I. The Barony of CLOWDEN, alias NEWARK, lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick Invergay, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the lands and farms of Rowton Bridge, Upper, Nether, and Mid Dalwhairn, Lagg, Roughtree, Hallhill, Cobbesholm, Newark Braes, Whinnihill, Tagleton, Gatside, or Kirkpatrick and Clowden, with the corn, barley, and wheat mills, a salmon fishing in the river Clowden, and the vice patronage of the parish of Kirkpatrick Invergay.

This estate is of a remarkable good soil, well inclosed and subdivided with thriving full grown hedges; it is at present in good condition, and there is sufficiency of shell marl upon it to keep it so. It contains about 1870 English acres, whereof 1500 are arable and meadow, about 90 woodland, and the remainder very good pasture. The present rent is 822 l. 11s. 1d. Sterling, and the tenants beside pay the vicinal tithes and school salary; but a considerable rise of rent may be depended on at the expiry of the current leases. It holds of the Crown, and stands rated in the cess-books at 1260 l. 10s. 6d. Scots. The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to them.

The woods are well inclosed, and very thriving; at last cutting they sold for upwards of 700 l. Sterling, exclusive of the woods on Hallhill, which are presently fit for sale.

This estate is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Clowden, within three miles of the town of Dumfries; and it has many delightful situations upon it for building a mansion-house, which would command the view of the rivers Nith and Clowden, the town and port of Dumfries, the whole gentlemen's seats in that rich and populous neighbourhood, the Solway Frith, and the Cumberland hills; and there is a good free-stone quarry on the estate, near a good stance for a mansion-house.

Mr W. Black, at Nando's Coffeehouse, London, can give a full description of this estate.

This estate will be exposed at 2000 l.

II. The Lands of Over and Nether BARNCLEUGHS, lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick Invergay, within a mile and an half of Clowden, consisting of about 200 English acres, whereof 160 are arable, and 19 moor, where there is an inexhaustible quantity of shell marl.

These lands are all sufficiently inclosed and subdivided with good stone walls. The present rent is only 50 l. but when the current lease expires at Martinmas 1787, a considerable rise will be got.

The teinds are valued, and the purchaser will have right to them.

These lands will be exposed at 1500 l. Sterling.

III. The Lands and Estate of GELSTON, lying in the parishes of Kelton and Buile, and county of Ayr, comprehending the farms of Boreland and Gelston, with the mill and mill-lands; and Craigley in the parish of Kelton, and Cull in the parish of Buile, containing about 1360 acres all of an exceeding rich quality, well inclosed and subdivided, with stone walls, and full grown fencible hedges.

On this estate there is a good Mansion-house and offices, with a garden and orchard, and some thriving plantations; and an inexhaustible quantity of shell marl for improving the same, and for sale to the neighbouring heritors.

The estate is let to good tenants, at about 600 l. Sterling of yearly rent. The whole holds of the Crown; and the lands of Boreland afford a freehold qualification on the old extent. The teinds of the whole are valued; and the purchaser will have right to them in the parish of Buile, and to a current tack of the teinds in the parish of Kelton.

The situation of Gelston is very convenient and inviting, being within three miles of the sea-port of Auchtermuchty, on the Solway Frith, and two miles of the great military road leading from Carlisle to Portpatrick, to both of which there are good roads.

This estate will be exposed at 14,500 l. Sterling.

IV. These parts of the Barony of GLASSNOCK, lying in the parish of Penningham and county of Wigton, comprehending the farms of Over and Nether Glasshocks, Killcal, Kirkchrist, and Killymore, with a salmon-fishing in the river Bladnoch, and the superiority of the lands of Drumroy and Carbuile, lying in the parish of Kirkcubbin, and county of Wigton.

These are good grazing lands, both for black cattle and sheep. The present rent, including the feu-duties in Kirkcubbin parish, is only 214 l. 12s. 9d. 6-12ths; but the tenants paid large grass-fines in 1766, when their leases expired; so, in 1787, when they expire, a great rise may be depended on, large offers being already made. The teinds are valued; and the tenants pay all the public burdens, stipend excepted.

These lands will be exposed at 4000 l. Sterling.

V. The Farm of CULSCADDEN, in the parish of Sorbie and county of Wigton, also part of the said Barony of Glassnock, let at 160 l. per annum, consisting of about 290 English acres, all good arable land, except about 15 acres, lying on the bay of Wigton, and having a safe port for exporting the produce